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February 8, 2013

The Honorable Phil Mendelson
Chairman
Council of the District of Columbia
1350 Pennsylvania Ave, NW
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Mr. Chairman,

With yesterday's ruling by the Board of Ethics and Government Accountability that "we find there to be sufficient evidence to conclude that Councilmember Graham committed one or more violations of the District of Columbia Code of Conduct,"¹ I ask that pursuant to Article VI, Section D, Rule 651, of the Rules of Organization and Procedure for the Council of the District of Columbia, that you establish an ad hoc committee for the purposes of considering evidence of a violation of the Code of Conduct and make recommendations for further action.

The Board's investigation concluded that Mr. Graham "violated at least three sections of the Code of Conduct: DCMR § 6B-1803.1(a)(2) – Giving preferential treatment to any person; DCMR § 6B-1803.1(a)(4) – Losing complete independence or impartiality; and DCMR § 6B-1803.1(a)(6) – Affecting adversely the confidence of the public in the integrity of government."²

The crisis of ethics that has faced the Council requires your strong leadership to ensure we restore the public trust and confidence.

Sincerely,

Tommy Wells
Councilmember, Ward 6

Cc:
Members of the Council of the District of Columbia
General Counsel of the District of Columbia

¹ Board of Ethics and Government Accountability, Case No. AI-002-12, February 7, 2013, page 1.

² Ibid, page 17.